

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/700,494

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/26/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,5,6 and 8-18.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on December 26, 2006 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

The Amendment, filed on December 26, 2006, has been entered and acknowledged by the Examiner. Claims 1-2, 5-6, and 8-18 are pending in the instant application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ira Schultz on January 22, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 8, lines 10-11 has been amended as follows: 'a part of the upper surface' has been replaces with --a part of an upper surface--.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-2, 5-6, and 8-18 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 1, specifically for the limitation of a plurality of electric conductive members alternating with insulating members, the members being arranged in a direction perpendicular to the optical axis of the light emitting device. The Examiner notes that the closest reference of the prior art (Hochstein, US 6,045,240) does not show the members being arranged perpendicular to the optical axis, but parallel to the optical axis.

Regarding claims 2 and 5-6, claims 2 and 5-6 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 1 because of their dependency status from claim 1.

Regarding claim 8, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 8, specifically for the limitation of a base member formed by combining at least first and second electric conductive members and insulating members, the members being arranged in a direction perpendicular to the optical axis of the light emitting device. The Examiner notes that the closest reference of the prior art (Hochstein, US 6,045,240) does not show the members being arranged perpendicular to the optical axis, but parallel to the optical axis.

Regarding claims 9-13, claims 9-13 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 2 because of their dependency status from claim 2.

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Regarding claim 14, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 14, specifically for the limitation of a base member formed by combining at least three electric conductive members and insulating members, the members being arranged in a direction perpendicular to the optical axis of the light emitting device. The Examiner notes that the closest reference of the prior art (Hochstein, US 6,045,240) does not show the members being arranged perpendicular to the optical axis, but parallel to the optical axis.

Regarding claims 15-18, claims 15-18 are allowable for the reasons given in claim 14 because of their dependency status from claim 14.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kattner (US 6,121,995) is cited to show a cooling arrangement.

Ryan (US 6,964,501) is cited to show a peltier-cooled light emitting diode assembly.

Lin (US 6,590,773) is cited to show a heat dissipation device for enhanced power light emitting diodes.

Newby (US 6,999,318) is cited to show heatsinking electronic devices.

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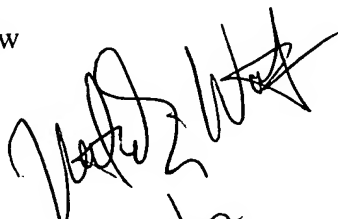
Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Natalie K. Walford whose telephone number is (571)-272-6012. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel can be reached on (571)-272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)-273-8300.

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